ME MYSELF IS SCANS
d[e]ce
VOLUME
CHAPTER 38
RAWS: SPIRIT VOD

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HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE?
THROUGH CHANCE
WHEN I WAS INJURED, THIS GUY CAME TO KILL ME
WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN
"SEIJI"
...I BELIEVE?

I SAW THROUGH HIS TYPE RIGHT AWAY
YOU WANTED A PLACE TO BRING HARUKI TO..
IT SAVED ME SOME TROUBLE, DIDN'T IT?
—SO YOU ENDED UP HERE, RIGHT?
COULD YOU TWO JUST LET IT BE?

THERE'S NO NEED TO KILL YUKI
HE ALREADY SAID HE WANTS TO JOIN US
YOU TRUST QUICKLY
NO NEED
IS THAT OKAY?
HE WAS WITH KAZUKI UP UNTIL NOW AFTER ALL
YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHY I'VE COME HERE?
DOESN'T MATTER

EVEN IF HE WERE A SPY THAT WAS AFTER MY LIFE...
ONE OF MY...
YUKI IS JUST ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS

...WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

I WILL TELL YOU WHERE NARUSE KAZUKI IS..
BUT ONLY
ON ONE CONDITION..
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO PROTECT NARUSE KAZUKI..
THEN YOU MUST GO TO THE OPPOSING KING
..TO HARUKI?
WE OF CRUCIATA HAVE THE DUTY OF STOPPING DI[E]OE
AS NARUSE KAZUKI HAS THE SAME GOAL, WE WILL LEND HIM OUR HELP
..IN EXCHANGE WE GUARANTEE YOU THAT WE WILL AID NARUSE KAZUKI
IF YOU DO THIS FOR US..
..YOU WANT ME TO SPY ON HIM?
IN ORDER TO ENSURE HIS VICTORY IT IS NECESSARY TO KNOW KOUTAKE HARUKI'S MOVEMENTS

YOU SHOULD KNOW
THAT I DO NOT TELL LIES
SO...
SEIJI-SAN, IS IT?
I'VE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU
ANY-THING YOU WANT
...WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THE TRUE D[E]ICE?

IF THE TWO ROOKS HAVE JOINED THE REST OF THE PLAYERS...
...THEN THE TRUE DI[E]CE CAN BEGIN AS WAS PLANNED
EXACTLY
IT WILL START ONE WEEK AFTER THE FIRST DI[E]CE

SO JUST BEFORE THAT...
WE PLAY A DIFFERENT ROLE
THERE'S SIX HOURS UNTIL NOVEMBER 18TH, 1PM
THE TWO ROOKS CAN ONLY START MOVING FREELY TWELVE HOURS BEFORE THE FINAL DI[E]CE

WHEN THE FINAL DI[E]CE HAS BEGUN, THE ROOK'S ROLE IS TO DO WHAT THE KING WANTS IN COMBAT
THEREFORE, JUST BEFORE THAT WE MUST MAKE THE FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WORLD OF BOUDO
THE FINAL DI[E]CE?
YES THE TRUE DI[E]CE IS THE FIRST AND LAST DI[E]CE OF THE ULTIMATE RANK
IN OTHER WORDS, THE ROOKS ARE THE "OPERATORS" AT THE CORE OF BOUDO
HEY, HEY ARE YOU REALLY GONNA SPOIL IT FOR EVERY-ONE?
THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE RIGHT HERE...
THE FINAL ADJUST-MENTS
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
ALL THE FACULTIES, WEAPONS AND SOLDIERS IN BOUDO...
WOULD BE POINTLESS IF THEY WEREN'T USED AFTER THE BEGINNING OF DI[E]CE
KEEPING EVERYTHING READY TAKES A LOT OF COOR-DINATION
IT'S NOT THAT DIFFERENT FROM HOW AKIKAGE MANAGES BOUDO

LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN SEEN THROUGH BY THEIR MOST SENIOR KAN-SHOUSHA
AS EXPEC-TED OF CRUCIATA
HOW-EVER
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE THE ROOK OF THE OTHER SIDE...

T/N: KANSHOUSHA, LIT. "SOMEONE WHO INTERFERES"

T/N: ADMINISTRATOR IS READ AS "AKIKAZE" HERE

IT IS SAID THAT THE WORLD OF ROUDO IS CONTROLLED BY AKIKAZE, BUT
STRICTLY SPEAKING, NOT EVERY D[E]CE AND PLAYER ARE UNDER HIS CONTROL

MOST OF THOSE GUYS CAUSE A VARIETY OF D[E]ICE, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL
TO TEST NEW WEAPONRY, OR TO GAMBLE ON THE RESULTS
BUT KANSHOUSHA WHO HAVE A DIFFERENT GOAL ALSO EXIST
SO THE PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO KILL ME WERE ALSO KANSHOU-SHA
THAT WOULD BE
..US, CRUCIATA
AT CRUCIATA, OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP ORDER IN BOUDO BY PREVENTING INCIDENTS OF D[E]ICE
WE ARE ALWAYS MONITORING THIS WORLD SO WE CAN ERASE EACH D[E]ICE PROMPTLY
TAKING THE LIVES OF THE MAIN PLAYERS IS ALSO ONE OF OUR IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES
...

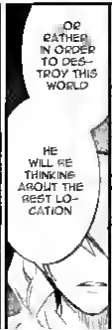
SO...
HOW IS THE FINAL DI[E]CE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS?
IN THIS DI[E]CE, THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO THE PLACE OR TIME
THAT'S QUITE ANNOYING
I WANTED TO START THE FINAL DI[E]CE WITHOUT THEIR INTERFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
ALL OF BOUDO HAS BEEN FREED UP FOR THE SAKE OF THIS LAST DI[E]CE
EVERY LAST THING THAT EXISTS NOW IN BOUDO WILL BECOME A WEAPON
THE KING HAS ACCESS TO ALL OF BOUDO'S EXISTING PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES
THERE'S NO LIMIT TO WHAT CAN BE SACRIFICED FOR COMBAT
ONCE IT'S BEGUN, IT WON'T END UNTIL ONE OF THE KINGS IS DEAD

THERE WILL BE WAR

THAT'S CRAZY!
...

WONDERFUL...
NOW THE QUESTION IS WHERE I CAN WELCOME THE START OF THIS WAR...

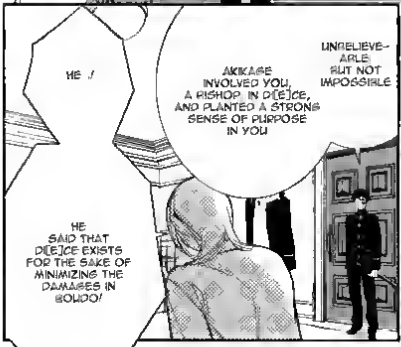
IF I...
CAN'T STOP HARUKI...

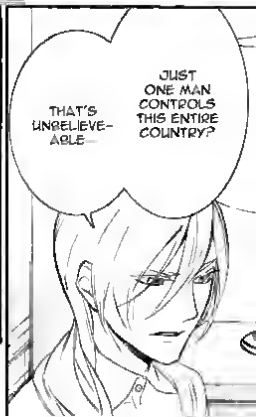

OR RATHER IN ORDER TO DESTROY THIS WORLD
HE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT THE BEST LOCATION

"EACH TIME" THE OTHER KING HAS MOVED, IT HAS BEEN...
...IN ORDER TO BATTLE YOU

T/N: AKIKAGE IS READ AS "THAT MAN" HERE.

SOUDO WILL BE RUINED THOUSANDS OF TIMES,...
...THE PEOPLE WILL BE WIPED OUT, THE STREETS WILL BE REDUCED TO RUBBLE
BUT LATER IT WILL ALL BE BUILT BACK UP...
...SO THAT DI[E]CE CAN BE REPEATED YET AGAIN


HE...!
AKIKAGE INVOLVED YOU, A PISHOP IN DI[E]CE, AND PLANTED A STRONG SENSE OF PURPOSE IN YOU
UNBELIEVABLE. BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE
HE SAID THAT DI[E]CE EXISTS FOR THE SAKE OF MINIMIZING THE DAMAGES IN SOUDO!



NGH...!
DI[E]CE WILL NOT END
...IT'S TRUE THAT IF THE BATTLE BETWEEN KINGS ENDS FASTER...
DAMAGES MAY BE REDUCED
BUT
THAT'S ALL THERE WILL BE
BUT KAZUKI-KUN...
IF IT'S YOU, THEN MAYBE...
ME...?
HAVE YOU EVER...
...HEARD OF A MAN NAMED "SARYUU"...?
THIS GAME THAT'S BEEN REPEATED THOUSANDS OF TIMES...
YOU JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO END IT

KANADE!
...I WANT TO BET ON THIS
...

...SARYUU...
YEAH...

WE BOTH HAVE THE SAME GOAL OF ENDING D[E]ICE
WE HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO HELP YOU

WE OF CRUCIATA WILL LEND NARUSE KAZUKI OUR SUPPORT

DO YOU NOT HAVE FAITH IN HIS?
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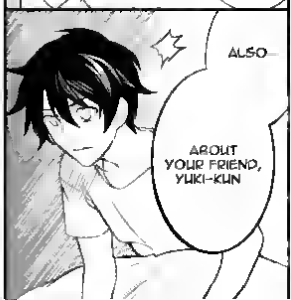
ALSO...
ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, YUKI-KUN

YUKI?!
YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM?!
RIGHT NOW HE IS...
INFILTRATING KOUTAKE HARUKI'S SIDE
WHA...!
...WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY THE OTHER PAWN
WE GAVE HIM OUR PROTECTION
...THE OTHER PAWN
...RUKA, HUH

IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOU, HE HAS LEFT AND TAKEN ON THE ROLE OF A SPY
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WISHES...
WE WILL WORK WITH YOU AND DEFINITELY BRING DI[E]CE TO AN END
CAN DI[E]CE REALLY BE ENDED?
YES
BUT...
I WILL ONLY TELL THAT METHOD TO YOU, A KING...

...
WE JUST GAINED SOME ALLIES
THEY'RE GOING TO HELP END DIE[3]CE THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT LOOK
THEY WERE ORIGINALLY ATTEMPTING TO KILL ALL THE MAIN PLAYERS
I CANNOT BRING MYSELF TO SWALLOW THEIR WORDS
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
ISN'T IT TRUE THAT THE FOSTER PARENT WHO RAISED YOU IS THE MASTER MIND OF THIS WHOLE GAME AS WELL?
THAT, I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE
SAI-GUUJI-SAN!
WHOA... WE SHOULDN'T BE USELESSLY FIGHTING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...

WHA ..
YOU'VE DEFINITELY DIED ONCE ALREADY
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
ONLY THE KING CAN RESET - DEATH FOR THE OTHER MAIN PLAYERS IS FINAL
AND YOU'RE STILL GOING TO RUN AROUND LIKE YOU DON'T CARE?
THAT "SECOND LIFE" YOU'VE GOT TOOK SO MUCH TROUBLE TO GET.
SO HOW IS IT THAT YOU'RE HERE?
DID YOU NEVER ASK YOURSELF HOW YOU CAME BACK TO LIFE?

THE WAY TO END DI[E]CE...
WHY ARE YOU ONLY TALKING TO ME ABOUT IT?
THIS YOU SHOULD KNOW ALREADY
ALL THE DATA..
THOO..
IS IT NOT IN YOUR HANDS?
DON'T TELL ME STUFF LIKE THAT
DOES ACCESSING THE DATA AND MEMORIES GIVE YOU A TERRIBLE HEADACHE?
DOWN TO THE GENETIC LEVEL OF ALL OUR CELLS, WE INHERENTLY
HAVE ALL POSSIBLE MEMORIES AND DATA SUBCONSCIOUSLY STORED

AFTER YOU WERE FORCED INTO THAT ROOM, THE LIMITS OF DATA AND MEMORY HAVE BEEN LIFTED AND YOU CAN NOW APPROACH THEM
THE MAJORITY OF THEM AREN'T NECESSARY FOR DAILY LIFE
TRYING TO PROCESS THAT MUCH DATA WOULD CAUSE THE BRAIN TO OVERHEAT
I OVER DID IT
...YOU CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION THAT NO NORMAL PERSON IS AWARE OF
INSTEAD OF GETTING DROWNED BY THE FLOOD OF INFORMATION WHILE TRYING TO THINK OF JUST ONE THING...
THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE BRAIN'S ACTIVITY, AS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BE AWARE OF TWO THINGS AT A TIME, BUT...
...WHAT WOULD YOU WANT?
IF YOU WERE TO DO SO...

...WOULDN'T YOU NORMALLY HAVE HEALED THESE WOUNDS BY NOW?
BRAINS, MEMORIES... I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT KIND OF CRAP!
I JUST
SHAC. PAIN
NGH?!
IT JUST NEEDS MORE TIME!
IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR INFINITE LIVES...
DID YOU BRING YOUR BISHOP BACK TO LIFE?
OF ALL THE THOUSANDS OF KINGS IN DIE]CE, YOU ARE THE FIRST TO DO SO...
AND PRECISELY BECAUSE IT IS YOU...
T/N "INFINITE LIVES" TR READ AS "SECRETS

KANADE?!
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
HOW TO BRING DI[E]CE TO AN END?
...YOU CAN END DI[E]CE!

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HA...
HA...
FINALLY...
IT'S OVER...

HARUKI!
ME...?
THIS IS THE ENDING OF ONE OF THE MULTITUDES OF DIE]CE
IT IS ONLY ONE EDGE OF THE VAST MEMORIES YOU NOW HAVE

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS! I DID THAT...
...TO HARUKI...!
LOOK PROPERLY AND REMEMBER...
IT WAS NOT JUST ONCE OR TWICE...
"YOU" HAVE...
...BEEN KILLING "HIM" COUNTLESS TIMES

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